

**IN THE SPECIFICATIONS**

Please replace the first paragraph on Page 1 after the title with the following new paragraph:

**--RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of copending prior application Serial No. 09/909,124, filed July 17, 2001, of Fred H. Burbank et al., for DOPPLER DIRECTED SUTURE LIGATION DEVICE AND METHOD, which is a continuation-in-part of then copending application Serial No. 09/713,020, filed November 16, 2000, all of which are incorporated herein in its entirety.--